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For: METHOD FOR CHROMATOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF A NUCLEIC ACID MIXTURE		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note this is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the U.S. and copies of the references cited were transmitted by WIPO and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner. Therefore it is

believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

Since the Search Report was from the EPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner.

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